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§ 12.2 Vectors

linear shifts of vectors are equivalent, "same vector"
ie same "direction & magnitude"

$|\vec{v}|$: magnitude of \vec{v}

easily found by d formula

Direction of Vectors?

Vector Operations:

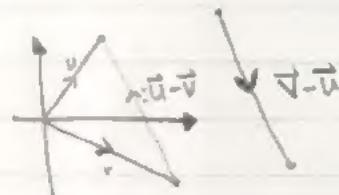
1. taking magnitude $\vec{v} \mapsto R \geq 0$

2. adding vectors $\vec{v}_1 \mapsto \vec{v}_2$ (tip to tail)

3. subtracting vectors $\vec{v}_1 \mapsto \vec{v}_2$ (tip to tip)

4. negating vector $\vec{v} \mapsto \vec{v}$

5. scalar multiplication $s \cdot \vec{v} \mapsto \vec{v}$



Components of Vectors

every vector has unique representative line segment with tail at origin

↳ given that vector from origin, head coords determine the vector ie $\langle x, y \rangle$

vector s has components $t-s = \langle x, y \rangle$

Algebraic Operations (in 3-space)

1) Magnitude

$$\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2} \quad \text{= distance formula}$$

2) Addition

$$\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle \quad \vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3 \rangle$$

3) Subtraction

~(also component-wise)
(same as addition)~

4) Negation

$$\bar{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$$
$$-\bar{u} = \langle -u_1, -u_2, -u_3 \rangle$$

5) Scalar Multiplication

$$c \in \mathbb{R} \quad \bar{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$$

$$c\bar{u} = \langle cu_1, cu_2, cu_3 \rangle$$

Properties of Vector Operations

Let $\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ & $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

1) $(\bar{u} + \bar{v}) + \bar{w} = \bar{u} + (\bar{v} + \bar{w})$ - (associativity)

2) $\bar{u} + \bar{v} = \bar{v} + \bar{u}$ (commutativity)

3) $\bar{0} + \bar{v} = \bar{v}$ (identity)

4) $\bar{u} + (-\bar{u}) = \bar{0}$ (negatives exist)

5) $a(b\bar{u}) = ab(\bar{u})$

6) $a(\bar{u}) + b(\bar{u}) = (a+b)\bar{u}$

7) $a(\bar{u}) + a(\bar{v}) = a(\bar{u} + \bar{v})$

8) $1(\bar{u}) = \bar{u}$ and $0\bar{u} = \bar{0}$

Direction

Property of magnitude $c \in \mathbb{R} \quad \bar{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$|c\bar{u}| = |c| \cdot |\bar{u}|$$

Def: direction of \bar{u} = associated unit vector (v with length 1)
 $= \frac{1}{|\bar{u}|} \cdot \bar{u}$ when $\bar{u} \neq 0$

Claim $\frac{1}{|\vec{u}|} \vec{u}$ is unit vector

$$= \left| \frac{1}{|\vec{u}|} \vec{u} \right| = \frac{1}{|\vec{u}|} |\vec{u}| = 1$$

Component Vectors

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle \\ \vec{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \\ \vec{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \end{array} \right\} \text{standard basis for } \mathbb{R}^3$$